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TO: CJSA Members

FR: Josh Krusewski - CJSA Executive Director

RE: Coronavirus-COVID-19 - Suspension of all activities

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the communication from our local, state and federal government, Connecticut Junior Soccer Association is extending its suspension of all affiliated and sanctioned soccer activities statewide. Our primary focus continues to be the safety and welfare of our players, coaches, referees and communities. For our member organizations (towns, clubs and leagues), **this suspension includes, but is not limited to, all in-person events (e.g. practices, training, scrimmages, clinics, tryouts, games and tournaments)**. As the state of Connecticut begins to slowly reopen, we look forward to seeing how youth soccer might be addressed in phase 2, "Selected youth sports" (June 20).

US Youth Soccer has established a Return to Play committee led by Tim Turney (USYS Vice President and US Soccer BOD member). Understanding that each State Association will have individual variances depending on local situations (some states ready to return earlier than others), [these guidelines](#) are being established so we can have some level of consistency where possible.

CJSA has taken similar steps while following the directives from Governor Lamont and local health officials. We are constructing return to play guidelines, utilizing those created by USYS, USOPC, US Soccer and other state associations in preparation for our return. In addition, we are compiling training sessions that can be utilized in your clubs while adhering to any social distancing restrictions.

We understand many are eager to get back on the field and start playing. That said, we need to be cognizant of our community's rules and requirements. It is our goal to maintain a spirit of fun and enjoyment, while making sure we comply with all local rules to better protect the health of our community.

We hope to see you all safe, healthy and on the field soon.

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